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**Please find attached an Amendment for filing in the above-referenced application.**

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**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This responds to the Examiner's Amendment mailed along with the Notice of Allowance on May 24, 2004. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant is filing this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.